From: robinasuwol@earthlink.net

To: <u>Fallon, William</u>

Subject: Re: CARVER ELEMENTARY - GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED, CITY OF STANTON

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2015 3:20:49 PM

Dear Mr. Fallon,

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me today. Below, is communication I sent to the DTSC Director, Barbara Lee and to Mara Gillette, in their Schools Division.

I also sent a similar letter to USEPA based on issues surrounding PCB's. The school is adjacent to the wash, large electrical towers, a chrome plating, and recycling facility.

We greatly appreciate any assistance or direction.

Gratefully,

Robina

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>>From: Robina <robinasuwol@earthlink.net>

>>Sent: Jun 2, 2015 10:29 AM

>>To: barbara.lee@dtsc.ca.gov, maria.gillette@dtsc.ca.gov

>>Cc: dcapjane@aol.com

>>Subject: Time Sensitive: Carver Elementary School -Garden Grove Unified

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>>Dear Director Lee and Maria Gillette,

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>>I have received a significant number of calls from individuals who have expressed serious health and safety concerns surrounding Carver Elementary. The school was built in the 1960's and is located in the Garden Grove Unified School District, in the City of Stanton, California. Geographically, the school borders a storm drain, power transmission lines, and a recycling plant.

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>>The individuals who have contacted us regarding Carver, describe witnessing a large number of birds fall from the sky for weeks at a time and that students fell over in their seats from what they claim were gaseous fumes. The individuals also claimed that although reports were made requesting repairs and investigations, none were forthcoming. In addition, callers claimed they observed severely discolored soil in deep holes covered with wood,

adjacent to the school building.

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>>The school is currently closed while it undergoes a "remodel" Yet according to their website http://carver.ggusd.us, the school is schedule to re-open this fall and plans to serve a large number of minority preschool children ages 3-5 who are disabled. Some of these students are non-verbal.

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>>The school district does not discount the allegations made by the individuals who contacted us, but claims there were only a few birds and the gas issues have been addressed.

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>>However, given the vulnerability of the intended school population and fact that the school admits there have been problems, and the fact that the school built in the 1960's almost certainly contains PCB's and asbestos, we are requesting an Preliminary Environmental Assessment be mandated prior to the school being allowed to open.

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>>There is a big difference between a "remodel" and "repairs". Given their own admission that repairs are required, oversight is definitely required as soon as possible. Thank you.

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>>Respectfully,

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